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Exec. Reg.

New base commander at Kadana HFF. The base, as a single unit, still only rates a colonel. Equal pay for equal work? It's a huge command.

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MOK-7010
4 June 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Acting Chief, Operations Group

FROM:
Chief, Okinawa Bureau

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - May 1987

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I. GENERAL

A. The dollar strengthened slightly in May, reaching 144 yen at month's end. Prime Minister Nakasone emphasized on 29 May that he would seek to maintain the yen at its present level at the Venice economic summit. If the yen does not strengthen further, our FY87 budget allocation should be sufficient.

B. Some 200 demonstrators marched peacefully past the bureau gate on 12 May, so peacefully in fact that few employees were aware of the demonstrators presence. They were part of an island-wide march organized by the Japanese Communist Party to mark the 15th anniversary of Okinawa's reversion to Japanese control. U.S. military officials here expect an equally quiet "Ring Around Kadena" Air Base demonstration on 21 June, when some 23,000 Okinawan and mainland Japan demonstrators will join hands to encircle the base for one hour.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Cooperation with Bangkok Bureau was close and frequent in May: we helped cover the Fiji coup from Sydney satellite TV feeds, Perth Radio broadcasts, and KYODO press agency sources; we briefly backstopped Bangkok's coverage during a bomb threat evacuation; and we made backstop recordings of major Hanoi domestic radio broadcasts for a week. We also watched for satellite feeds related to party leader Nguyen Van Linh's first Moscow visit since assuming power.

2. Beijing television proved unusually productive in May, with the first visit to China in 5 years by North Korean leader Kim Il-song. We filed numerous editorial reports and VSL's on the state visit, many of them showing Kim's goiter on his neck, a view normally censored on Pyongyang TV. Beijing TV also carried scenes of the PRC leadership at the conclusion of a party rectification campaign and of the public trial of former Jianxi Governor Ni Xiance, who accepted his sentence with a smile. A major visit by Bulgaria's Todor Zhivkov also yielded unique TV coverage.

3. China's new emphasis on economic reporting resulted in a new service, "China Economic Information," on the Xinhua English and Chinese-language circuit for overseas subscribers. We filed nearly all items of the new service in the first two weeks to provide consumers with a full sample, and at month's end we began selecting on merit.

4. We arranged for copies of MAINICHI SHIMBUN and YOMIURI SHIMBUN to be sent to Production Group in the Express Mail containers with Beijing and Tokyo TV tapes forwarded under the "Cities" TV project.

B. Cruising

Two Taiwan-controlled anti-PRC clandestine radios, Voice of the PLA and Radio October Storm, and a radio purporting to be Beijing domestic were observed in May after nearly 2 years silence. All three were jammed, making them uncoverable. Major spring frequency changes for Moscow international services and other Asian broadcasters were reported, as well as current schedules for six press agencies. Our Russian Unit caught a Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk feed to Moscow on the 140 E satellite, which includes a notation that Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk TV is viewable in the Orbit 1 network and seen on the Kamachatka Peninsula and Magadan Oblast. This was the first time we had seen Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk TV directly.

C. Technical

1. All antenna field renovations for FY-1987 were completed and inspected by the U.S. Air Force team. After receipt of a new power supply board for our adaptable facsimile processor, we resumed printing KCNA and VNA radiophotos on the unit instead of Muirfax. The new bureau fire alarm system was installed; immediately after installation, a shorted connector in the communications room provided a useful test of the detectors. The new system is a Pyrotronics System 3 model, covering the operations and generator annex buildings.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Okinawa's post allowance (COLA) was increased from class 20 to 25 retroactive to 26 April.

2. [] ceased working as a part-time secretary on 22 May after a training overlap with [] who received communications training in late May and early June.

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3. Chinese monitor [] who joined FBIS in 1984, gave notice of her resignation effective 30 September. We are planning to begin processing for two Chinese applicants, tested last November in Taiwan, to cover her vacancy and others anticipated.

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4. Editor [] and wife [] departed Okinawa 30 May on emergency visitation travel.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

1. The renovation of the generator room has begun. The renovation will include a new power panel, insulators, rewiring of transformers, protective fencing around interior high-voltage areas, and cooling equipment.

2. Major rainfall late in the month has eliminated any water rationing threat for the near term, with two of three northern island reservoirs 100 percent full and the third at 80 percent.

IV. VISITORS

To the Bureau:

Sergeants from Operations Detachment Alpha, Special Forces Group/Airborne, Torii Station, on 19 May, to pick up Malay-language certificates for parachute jumping presented by the Malaysian Special Forces Group, translated by associate editor/former Indonesian-Malay monitor [redacted]; four officers from the Third Marine Division G-2, Camp Courtney, plus three noncommissioned officers, on 29 May, for a bureau orientation briefing and tour.

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From the Bureau:

The bureau chief and [redacted] attended a 20 May change of command ceremony at Kadena where base commander Col. Timothy D. Gill handed over his command to Col. Frank D. Garza.

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Attachments:

Engineering Equipment Attachment
Production Report

ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT ATTACHMENT

Equipment received: NONE

Equipment Transferred: Receiver radio, WJ-8718, S/N 3022
Receiver radio, WJ-8718, S/N 2159

Equipment Disposal: None

OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MAY 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1,190,070
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	589,190
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	3,774

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:
(minutes or issues per week)

BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
21,855	20,700	175.79
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES

AUSTRALIA

Perth Domestic Service in English	1,970
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CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in English	180
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CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	430
Beijing International Service to North America in English	970
Beijing International Service in Japanese	1,350
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	---
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	920
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	5,130
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	130
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	7,920
Beijing Television Service in Mandarin	1,210
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	920
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	3,130
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	1,500
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	3,740
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	8,090

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	7,840		
Beijing HONGQI in Chinese			12,000
Beijing XINHUA in English		538,340	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		115,260	
Beijing BELJING REVIEW in English			3,990
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			2,430
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			1,780
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			14,000
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			14,450
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			1,860
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			20,000
Miscellaneous Editorial Reports	2,310		
JAPAN			
Naha Radio NHK in Japanese	360		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	11,360		
Tokyo JPS in English		7,250	
Tokyo KYODO in English		155,460	
Tokyo JLI in English		5,530	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			---
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,300
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			10,140
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			2,370
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			8,800

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,050
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			10,040
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,590
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			12,790
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			8,920
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			260
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			4,200
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			2,190
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			2,560
 KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English		---	
 LAOS			
Vientiane KPL in English		160	
 MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		480	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		19,470	
 TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	8,670		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	1,250		
Taipei CNA in English		22,210	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			5,020
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			2,050
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			---

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			610
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			240
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	4,960		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	300		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	7,170		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	5,570		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	750		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	21,550		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	---		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	---		
Hanoi VNA in English		67,590	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	